

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

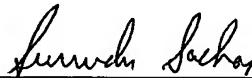
Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to correct minor informalities and to make a clarification. The changes made to the specification are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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